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COMMISSION ANNOUNCES HEARING ON CAPITAL FORMATION IN THE BROADBAND SECTOR

Panel of Experts on the Capital Markets to Testify

As part of its effort to gather information for the development of a National Broadband Plan, the Federal Communications Commission will hold a hearing Oct. 1 on the challenges of capital formation in the broadband sector. An expert panel from the finance and investment community will explore the issues.

WHAT: FCC Hearing on Capital Formation in the Broadband Sector

WHEN: Thursday October 1, 2009, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

WHERE: Federal Communications Commission

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The FCC is convening a series of hearings this fall to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and the public on development of a National Broadband Plan. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress by February 17, 2010 that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to national priorities, including health care, education, energy, public safety, job creation, investment, and others.

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